GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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PRODUCTION SHARING CONTRACT UNDER NELP VI
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to sign production sharing contracts for 52 of the 55 oil blocks under the sixth round of bidding of the new exploration Licensing Policy by mid January;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether some ambiguity has sneaked in the transparency of the bidding system; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS

(a) & (b):-Government of India offered 55 exploration blocks (24 deepwater, 6 shallow water and 25 onland blocks) under the sixth round of New Exploration Licensing Policy (NELP-VI). 165 bids have been received for 52 blocks.Award of blocks is expected to be approved by the Government shortly.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise in view of the above.